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Air defenders adapt and prepare for war

# Inspections: Preparing to win war

Maj. Gen. Craig R. McKinley

*1st Air Force commander*

Nearly a century ago, Italian artillery officer Giulio Douhet noted: *"Victory smiles upon those who anticipate the changes in the character of war, not upon those who wait to adapt themselves after they occur."* Through a series of demanding and innovative exercises, we've been preparing and adapting for the challenges ahead.

In June we will undergo a North American Aerospace Defense Command Operational Evaluation of 1st Air Force and a simultaneous Air Combat Command Operational Readiness Inspection of the Continental United States NORAD Region in its warfighting mode.

These inspections focus the organization on its primary task: protect Americans from airborne aggression. In our daily jobs, we never lose sight of our most basic core competency: defend our nation and keep our skies sovereign and safe. These inspections refine our performance and inspire us to "think outside the box" and anticipate new threats.

The NOE and ORI validate the importance of training. Through training, 1st Air Force and CONR members prepare to adapt and defend against changing threats.

Today, more than ever, that training keeps us a step ahead of those who would inflict harm on our citizenry.

Our adversaries in the Global War on Terror are unlike any the United States has ever known. They do not seek an armistice. They have no territory to defend and no populace to answer to — they only need to be lucky once. As America's defenders, we must be vigilant and stay one step ahead all the time.

The enemy is all too real — that's why these inspections are so important. When that threat arises, CONR and our nation's air

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defense sectors will be ready.

The only way we will win this war is to root out terrorists at their source and constantly pressure them to change their way of life. The defeat of tyranny and violence and the opportunity for democracy in the heart of the Middle East will be a crucial setback for international terror. But until that day comes, we must be ready to deter, detect and defend America against all enemies. We *will* be ready.

The NOE and ORI will not be the only measure of our readiness. Concurrent with this inspection we'll be protecting the Group of 8 Summit June 9-10 at Sea Island, Ga. With President Bush and other leaders of the world's economic superpowers in attendance, the multilayered air defense we provide will represent a significant contribution to world peace and prosperity. We *will* succeed.

The lessons of Spain's "3-11" pre-election bombings are not lost on us. During this election year we will safeguard the most sacred traditions of our republic. We will

provide protection for the World War II Memorial dedication; the Democratic and Republican national conventions; and provide protection for the president. We *will* not fail.

Finally, I'd like to bid a fond adieu to Canadian Forces Brig. Gen. Charles Bouchard, who served nearly three years as the deputy commander of CONR. He is a fine officer and 1st Air Force wishes him, his wife Sylvie and their family the best in their new assignment in Winnipeg as he assumes command of the 1st Canadian Air Division and the Canadian NORAD Region. Godspeed,

my friends.

We warmly welcome Canadian Forces Brig. Gen.-select J. Marcel Duval to CONR. The general's responsibilities will extend to more than 11,000 people who operate and sustain fighter alert and surveillance assets throughout the United States.

He is accustomed to tough challenges and brings with him years of experience. Join me in welcoming him and his wife, Diane, to the 1st Air Force and CONR family.

We are adapting. In doing so, we remain confident in our ability to fight and win America's wars. ✈





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# Ops center guards nation's capital

## Ribbon cutting marks joint commitment to air defense

Master Sgt. Bob Haskell  
*National Guard Bureau*

Civilian and military dignitaries cut the ribbon to officially open a modern operations center that monitors the heavily traveled skies around the nation's capital.

The Joint Air Defense Operations Center, JADOC for short, is staffed around-the-clock at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., by Army National Guard and Air Force personnel who watch for potentially dangerous aircraft like the jetliner that crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

The operations center is the heart of a sophisticated air defense system that incorporates jet fighters and air defense artillery units on constant alert around the Washington area. The compact facility, which opened Feb. 3, is one more sign that Operation Noble Eagle and other efforts to defend this country against terrorism will be with us for a long time.

Dr. Jan Brecht-Clark, director for Transportation and Aviation Security with the White House Homeland Security Council; Air National Guard Maj. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, commander of 1st Air Force; and New Mexico Army Guard Brig. Gen. Jamie Fletcher, commander of the 111th Air Defense Artillery Brigade; cut the ceremonial ribbon. The ribbon's colors — red, white, blue and yellow — represented the JADOC commitment to air defense and the sacrifices of those serving far from home.

The JADOC has actually been operating since Dec. 15, 2003, when it replaced temporary tents installed because of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. The Washington JADOC has been operating around-the-clock since Feb. 8, 2003.

"We know that the real work is now being done in a facility that has a dry floor and heat and air conditioning and a roof that doesn't leak. And that's not the way that the JADOC has always worked," said Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Blum paid tribute to the many civilian agencies, including the Secret Service, and United States and Canadian military organizations that have joined forces



Tech. Sgt. Brian Boisvert, Bolling Air Force Base

**New Mexico Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Jamie Fletcher**, Dr. Jan Brecht-Clark of the White House Homeland Security Council, and Maj. Gen. Craig McKinley, commander of 1st Air Force, cut the ceremonial ribbon to open a new Joint Air Defense Operations Center at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 3.

to safeguard the North American continent from further terrorist attacks.

"Turf and who's in charge did not get in the way," he said. "The mission was what came first, and you have accomplished the mission. I think we're reaping the benefits of that every single day that we don't have an aviation event in which we have to use you."

Fletcher's 111th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, based in Albuquerque, has played a major role in JADOC operations. The unit has rotated about 500 citizen-soldiers through the JADOC since March 2003, when that Army Guard outfit assumed the mission from the 32nd Army Air Missile Defense Command.

The New Mexico brigade has been supported by the Mississippi Army Guard, the Georgia Air National Guard and Puerto Rico Air National Guard. The New Mexico brigade turned over its part of the Washington area's air defense mission to Florida Army Guard Detachment 12, 32nd Army Air Missile Defense Command, on Feb. 10.

# CONR names new deputy

## CF officer brings U.N. peacekeeping experience to job

2nd Lt. Lisa Citino  
*1st Air Force*

June will mark the beginning of new authority for the Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region when 1st Air Force and CONR welcome Canadian Forces Brig. Gen.-select J. Marcel Duval as the deputy commander of CONR.

Duval currently serves as the chief of staff to the Air Staff at the National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, Canada.

Upon transfer to CONR, Duval



File photo

**Brig. Gen.-select J. Marcel Duval** will be responsible for more than 11,000 continental air defenders.

will be responsible for more than 11,000 men and women who operate and sustain fighter alert and sur-

veillance assets throughout the United States.

Duval, a helicopter pilot, brings a wealth of military experience from numerous positions, including one as the assistant adviser in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. In another role as commander of the 408th Tactical Helicopter Squadron, Duval was deployed to Haiti for a six-month peacekeeping operation. Upon completion of that command tour, Duval was assigned to the Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt, as the chief of operations and liaison, Canadian Contingent Commander and Canadian Contingent Commander Middle East.

First Air Force welcomes Duval and his family.

## Former CONR deputy to lead Canadian NORAD Region

2nd Lt. Lisa Citino  
*1st Air Force*

During his tenure as the deputy commander of CONR, Brig. Gen. Charles Bouchard led a diverse force committed to the binational effort to preserve homeland air defense through fighter alert and surveillance assets.

He will take that experience with him as new commander of the 1st Canadian Air Division and the Canadian NORAD Region.

Born in Chicoutimi, Quebec, Bouchard entered the Canadian Forces in 1974 and embarked on a dynamic military career as a helicopter pilot. Distinguished as the first Canadian exchange officer to train on Cobra Attack helicopters at the 6th Cavalry Brigade Air Combat at Fort Hood, Texas, he maintained a robust career within the helicopter community before assuming

### NORAD celebrates its 46th birthday

The binational NORAD celebrated its 46th year May 12 with a cake-cutting ceremony and a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" in the headquarters building at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Not only has NORAD grown another year older, it has become "an indispensable element of homeland security." That is how Peter Jennings, ABC World News Tonight anchor, described NORAD in a May 3 broadcast. Jennings visited Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., to film a news segment about the changes in NORAD's mission since Sept. 11, 2001.

command as the deputy director of CONR in July 2001.

"My success here would not have been possible without the tremendous and unwavering support I have received at 1st Air Force and CONR," Bouchard said. "I will not forget the professionalism and dedication everyone has demonstrated time and time again."



# 'Deployed' in America

## Noble Eagle troops 'in-country' right at home

2nd Lt. Albert Bosco

*325th Fighter Wing*

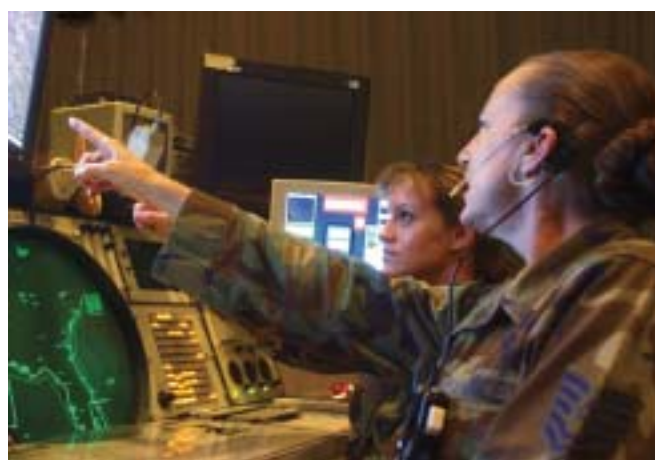
While much of the U.S. Air Force executes the war on terror in overseas operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, one organization has remained "in-country" in America, fighting terrorism on its own soil.

Operation Noble Eagle is the homeland air defense mission aimed at preventing terrorist attacks in the United States, and First Air Force at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., has found itself at its center. The organization charged with maintaining air sovereignty and defense over the continental United States has fulfilled the Noble Eagle mission for nearly three years. The men and women behind the operation are from the Air National Guard, the Air Force and Canadian Forces. Together they operate 10 fighter wings and three command and control centers across the continental United States.

"We have a steady-state mission of protecting the continental U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands from airborne attack by terrorists or any state actors who would be willing to use airborne objects to attack the U.S.," said Maj. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, 1st Air Force commander.

### Readiness inspections

One of four numbered Air Forces assigned to Air Combat Command, 1st Air Force is also the lead air defense agency for the Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, a binational organization consisting of U.S. and Canadian forces, and a sub-unit of U.S. Northern Command.



Both NORAD and ACC will put the command and control aspect of the 1st Air Force mission to the ultimate test beginning June 1. Right in the midst of Operation Noble Eagle, the concurrent NORAD Operational Evaluation and ACC Operational Readiness Inspection will challenge the nation's air defense sectors during a fictitious attack on the United States. As sector technicians react to hostile actions against our country, trained inspectors will watch their every move — for two weeks.

Fictitious or real-world, the attacks are all too familiar for those involved in Operation Noble Eagle. The horrific terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, sent 1st Air Force operations into full-throttle to protect the continental U.S. from further terrorist aggression, both inside and outside our borders. Since that day, the 1st Air Force mission has grown as its people continue to provide Americans the security vital to their everyday lives.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Albert Bosco

**Left, Col. Kevin Burman,** 601st Air Operations Group commander, gives an airman a briefing at the combined air operations center, collocated with the Southeast Air Defense Sector at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

**Opposite page, Tech. Sgt. Kathleen O'Brien,** left, a SEADS interface control technician, points out tracks of interest to Tech. Sgt. Christie Watson, a SEADS air surveillance technician.

### Interagency cooperation

Although 1st Air Force is the driving force behind ONE, it has drawn support from throughout the Air Force and from several key government agencies.

"We monitor more than 6,000 flights at any given time, and we have flown more than 34,000 sorties since Sept. 11, 2001," said McKinley. "These sorties were conducted by Air National Guard and active duty units alike."

McKinley calls the level of support in the homeland defense mission astonishing. Regular Air Force units have helped immensely by flying necessary combat air patrols over areas of specific interest, since they have large air wings and resources capable of meeting the demands of these important missions. In turn, Air National Guard assets sit airstrip alert at strategic locations throughout the U.S., McKinley said.

Additionally, 1st Air Force has formed partnerships with such agencies as the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation and Secret Service.

"Before Sept. 11, 2001, we looked outward, primarily focusing on defending our Air Defense Identification Zones from penetration outside the U.S.," McKinley said. "Our posture was limited to responding to and defending against those threats."

"Now, our focus is internal. Through our partnerships, we can see and communicate with tracks of interest anywhere in the country. It took a lot of inter-agency cooperation to do that."

### Heart of a mission

At the heart of 1st Air Force is its strategically located air defense sectors and combined air operations center. The Southeast Air Defense Sector is one of three facilities charged with monitoring air traffic across the U.S. Inside the SEADS facility, controllers utilize the latest computer technology to identify and track aircraft 24 hours a day.

"We have 200 full-time and 80 traditional Guardsmen in the facility," said Col. Charles Campbell, SEADS commander. "Their job is to monitor the scopes and decipher what's out there."

In order to facilitate the SEADS mission, the air operations center must plan resources for mission execution. According to Col. Kevin Burman, the 601st Air Operations Group commander, the center maintains operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year with the charge of planning the 1st Air Force homeland defense mission.

"We're the senior Air Force command and control agency here," Burman said. "We operate a complete air tasking order cycle from strategy and plans to execution."

Much like SEADS, the air operations center consists of airmen who monitor the skies over the U.S. and coordinate with government agencies such as the FAA. Based on the location and number of assets available, plans are generated to determine how 1st Air Force will best be able to conduct its air defense mission. ~~✂~~

# Art from the heart



Courtesy of 102nd Fighter Wing

## Cape Cod painter uses brush to remember Sept. 11, honor 102nd Fighter Wing

Cliff McDonald

*102nd Fighter Wing*

**H**e paints boats and trains, but what really excites him are things that fly. It's something Eric Michelsen always knew he wanted to do: photograph, draw and paint aircraft. An uncle took him to an air show at Otis Air Force Base, Mass., when he was 10 years old. Armed with his first camera, he began shooting away.

Now almost 50 years later, it's more than a hobby. Michelsen, of Cotuit, Mass., is an accomplished aviation artist who devotes much of his time to painting the aircraft of the 102nd Fighter Wing at Otis. His work stands out for its quality and powerful, technically accurate imagery.

Michelsen's latest painting, "Missing Man Salute," depicts four F-15s from Otis performing a missing man maneuver over New York's Statue of Liberty. It's Michelsen's way of remembering the 102nd Fighter Wing's response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, as well as its subsequent 24-hour combat air patrols over the northeast United States.

Michelsen, a retired member of the 102nd, is accustomed to seeing aircraft on takeoff and approach near his Cape Cod home. The sound never disturbs him; it's



one of the things he enjoys most about living near the base. So when he saw two “Eagles” scrambling the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, he wasn’t particularly surprised. But something seemed a little different that day. “Perhaps,” he said, “it was the high rate of speed that the two jets accelerated at as they disappeared high into the clear blue sky.” Indeed, the pilots were in full afterburner. Michelsen continued to watch until the fighter jets disappeared from sight.

When Michelsen received the shocking news about the attacks on the World Trade Center, he knew at once where the two F-15s had gone. An Air National Guardsman since 1977 and Army Reservist before that, he was well aware of the wartime posture the nearby fighter wing would assume.

It has become widely known that the 102nd alert jets scrambled that day were first above New York City, their mission to intercept the hijacked airliners. What is lesser known are the events that transformed the unit’s peacetime

posture into the nation’s first line of homeland defense.

Beginning at 8:46 a.m. on Sept. 11, the fighter wing demonstrated that it was ready to defend America’s freedom. In the hours that followed, the 102nd provided a continual airborne presence over the northeast United States.

While the alert jets orbited Manhattan, training sorties were terminated and recalled. Maintenance and logistics personnel began the system transformation of aircraft from a training to combat configuration. Jets that were undergoing periodic maintenance were made whole so they could become part of the nation’s defensive might.

The operations group developed a staffing plan that ensured continuous combat air patrols for the next several days in response to North American Aerospace Defense Command taskings.

With the sudden requirement for mouths to feed around-the-clock, the services personnel stoked up the ovens and began to provide four meals a day to all who needed them.

Personnel, finance, civil engineering, communication and medical personnel were providing 24-hour support, oftentimes assisting outside of their normal work area.

In the first three days of the national crisis, with the nation’s civil aviation grounded, the 101st Fighter Squadron of the 102nd flew 46 missions and more than 160 hours, protecting every major city under the Northeast Air Defense Sector umbrella.

At home on Cape Cod, Michelsen often stayed awake late into the night just to watch the sleek and graceful Eagles launching from the base. Many hours later, the jets would return from a combat air patrol. There were always jets coming and going.

Michelsen began thinking about how he could contribute something through his art to the overall sacrifices being made by members of his former unit. It was at the suggestion of Brig. Gen. Sam Shiver, then-state commander of the Massachusetts Air National Guard, that he consider the missing man maneuver as the subject of his painting.

Cols. Anthony Schiavi, then-operations group commander, and Al Wickel, then-vice wing commander, were both thrilled about the idea. Together they made it possible for Michelsen to receive an F-15 orientation flight to photograph a formation of Eagles rehearsing the missing man maneuver over the coast of Cape Cod.

Michelsen presented the original 51-inch by 36-inch oil on canvas painting as a gift to the 102nd Fighter Wing. Signed and numbered limited editions of 750 archival 24-inch by 16-inch prints are available for sale.

Michelsen is a member of the Air Force Art Program, the American Society of Aviation Artists and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

He is hopeful that his art can help people everywhere better cope with the suffering and pain that momentous September day evokes in so many of us. ~~✂~~



Master Sgt. Richard Perkins

**Above,** artist Eric Michelsen presents “Missing Man Salute” to 102nd Fighter Wing Commander Col. Paul G. Worcester.

**Left,** “Missing Man Salute” is one of several Michelsen works adorning the walls at Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass.

## THE TOTAL FORCE

### 1st Air Force leader a distinguished alum

Maj. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, the commander of 1st Air Force, recently received the Southern Methodist University Distinguished Alumni Award. McKinley, a 1974 graduate of the college, was one of four SMU graduates bestowed the honor for 2003. The other recipients were Pastor Zan W. Holmes, Professor Marshall Terry and presidential adviser Karen P. Hughes.

McKinley was recognized for the key role he plays in the war against terrorism. First Air Force is responsible for organizing, equipping and operating air defense forces for the commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, providing tactical warning, threat assessment and counterdrug forces for the continental United States.

"It was certainly an honor," said McKinley, "especially considering the company I was in. It's not every day you get to meet Karen Hughes, Time Magazine's 'most powerful woman in the White House!'"

McKinley has a bachelor's degree in business administration from SMU and was named the distinguished graduate of the SMU Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He earned a master's degree in management and economics at Webster College in 1979, followed by a master's degree in national security strategy from the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

### DoD approves medals for war on terrorism

The Defense Department announced the final approval of the Global War on Terrorism Medals. The medals recognize the significant contributions members of the armed forces bring in combating terrorism in all forms throughout the world, for both current and future operations.

Presidential Executive Order 13289 previously authorized the medals, which come in expeditionary and service versions. The expeditionary medal is for those who deploy to designated combat areas, and the service medal is for those who serve in support of operations to combat terrorism.

Servicemembers authorized the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal must have deployed overseas for service in the Global War on Terrorism operations on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and to a future date to be determined by the secretary of defense. Initial award of the expeditionary medal is limited to personnel deployed abroad in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The area of eligibility encompasses the United States Central Command area (less the lower Horn of Africa); Middle East; eastern Turkey; Philippines; Diego Garcia; and all air spaces above the land and adjacent water areas.

Each combatant commander has the authority to approve award of the expeditionary medal for personnel deployed within their theater of operation. Under no circumstances are personnel in the United States eligible for the expeditionary medal.

### Military phone card program goes public

Department of Defense officials announced April 23 that anyone can now help servicemembers in contingency operations call home.

Defense officials authorized the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to sell prepaid calling cards to any person or organization that wishes to purchase cards for deployed servicemembers. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program is designed to assist servicemembers calling home from Southwest Asia.

To donate a prepaid calling card to a servicemember, people can log on to the



**California Air National Guardsman 1st L**  
Fighter Wing in Fresno, flies a combat air patrol. The 25 maintenance personnel and pilots from the 1st LFW support the 177th Fighter Wing homeland defense mission going strong while giving the New York City an upcoming overseas deployment. The 177th is the most of the East Coast with emphasis on New York City.

AAFES Web site at [www.aafes.com/](http://www.aafes.com/), and click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a prepaid calling card may be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or for "any servicemember" deployed or hospitalized. The exchange service will distribute cards donated to "any servicemember" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House Foundation.

The exchanges operate telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships — anywhere servicemembers are deployed supporting operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

## THE TOTAL FORCE



Capt. Seth Nehring

t. **Chris Cokeley**, a member of the 144th Air Wing, participated in a combat mission over New York City recently. About 1,000 members of the 144th were deployed to New Jersey to support the defense mission. The support of the 144th kept New Jersey Guardsmen an opportunity to train for their general alert area of responsibility includes New York City and Washington, D.C.

### Pentagon Memorial Fund seeks donations

The Pentagon Memorial Fund campaign was officially launched April 22 during a ceremony on Capitol Hill.

Almost \$30 million is being solicited, according to the Washington public relations firm that is handling fund raising for the memorial.

About \$17.5 million of collected funds will be used to build the memorial, according to the firm. Another \$10 million in donations will be used for maintenance.

About \$2 million already has been collected, including a \$1 million donation from

the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, the first major corporate donor to the fund.

The Pentagon Memorial will be built in a park-like setting among maple trees and will consist of 184 individual units — the number of people killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, Pentagon attack. Each memorial unit will consist of a bench by a common reflecting pool. The group of 184 memorials will be located near the spot where American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon.

The Pentagon Memorial Fund Web site at [www.pentagonmemorial.net](http://www.pentagonmemorial.net) allows donations through a secure online system.

### DoD starts additional sexual assault hot line

The Department of Defense announced that an additional toll-free telephone number has been established for individuals who want to contact or provide information to the Department of Defense Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assault.

The number, (800) 497-6261, is staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. The department's hot line will supplement those previously established by each of the services.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld ordered a senior-level inquiry into the reported sexual assaults in Iraq and Kuwait, and how the armed services treat victims of sexual assault. The Army and Air Force have opened similar investigations.

"Every servicemember deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and dignity," said Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David S.C. Chu. "Sexual assault is criminal conduct and will not be tolerated in the Department of Defense."

Chu believes the information from the call center will assist the task force and defense officials in developing policies and programs to improve assistance for victims of assaults and enhance efforts at prevention.

### DoD boosts communications for servicemembers

The Department of Defense expanded its internal communications efforts with two initiatives in May during National Military Appreciation Month.

An electronic version of the "Stars and Stripes" newspaper is now available for downloading at no cost, while the Pentagon Channel, the department's news and information television service, is now available to all U.S. military installations.

Making the electronic "Stars and Stripes" available worldwide allows servicemembers to view exact replica copies of the newspaper's European, Pacific and Middle East editions. The electronic version of the newspaper is available online at <http://estripes.osd.mil>.

The Pentagon Channel began its expanded service with a live broadcast from the May 14 Armed Forces Day opening ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The Pentagon Channel's daily programming aims to keep America's 2.6 million active duty, National Guard and Reserve servicemembers the best-informed military in the world.

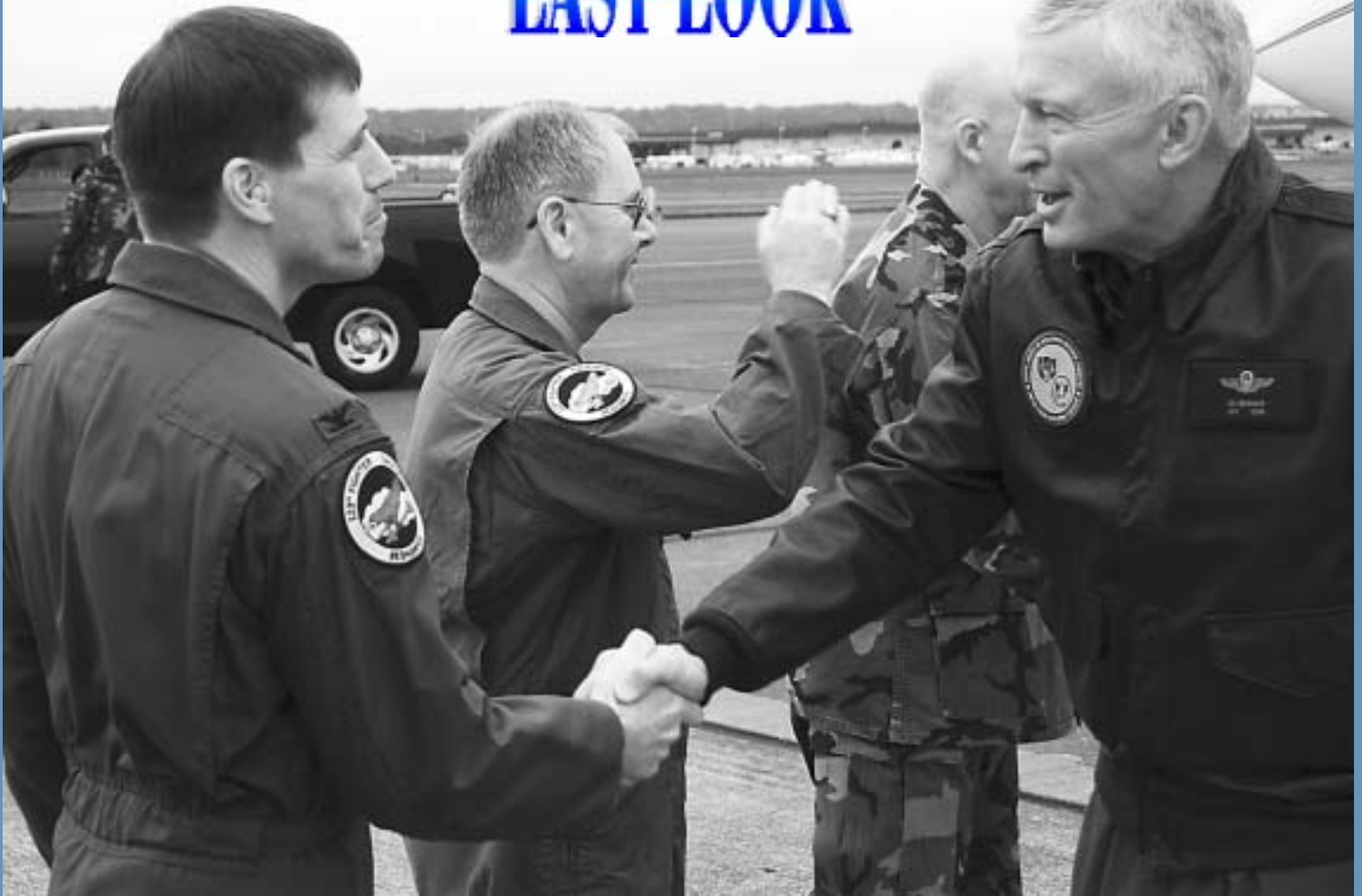
The Pentagon Channel features military newscasts and programs such as "Around the Services," with news from each branch of the military; "Studio Five," which showcases conversations with Defense Department leaders; and "Focus on the Force," which highlights military missions such as those in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Previously available only in the Pentagon and through the American Forces Radio and Television Service for servicemembers assigned overseas, the Pentagon Channel now will also be distributed 24 hours a day to military installations in all 50 states via a domestic satellite. Information on how to receive the Pentagon Channel via satellite, cable or the worldwide web is at <http://pentagonchannel.mil>.



# LAST LOOK

GUARDING AMERICA'S SKIES



Tech. Sgt. Todd Enlund

**Col. Brad Applegate, commander of the Oregon Air National Guard 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing in Portland, left, welcomes Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, to the base April 23. Eberhart met with personnel and was briefed on the 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing mission and resources. After his visit to the base, he spoke to members of the Portland City Club in downtown Portland. Brig. Gen. James Cunningham, Oregon Air National Guard commander, and Brig. Gen. Raymond Byrne Jr., acting adjutant general for Oregon, are in the background.**

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